

Claims 6, 12, 15, and 19 have been amended in order to address the informalities noted by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the claim rejections is hereby requested.

Claims 1-7 and 9 have been rejected as anticipated by Eyal. Eyal appears to disclose a streaming media search and continuous playback system, in which the system collects network addresses based on search criteria and plays back media resources located at least some of the selected addresses in an automatic fashion.

Most importantly, Eyal does not appear to disclose the limitations in Claim 1 relating to a selection interface configured to compile a download schedule and a file download device which based on the download schedule automatically accesses the remote sites through the interface and downloads the selected multimedia file. The Office Action refers to column 2, line 43 - column 3, line 9 of the Eyal reference as the portion where the claim limitations relating to the selection interface and the file download device are found. To the contrary, a close reading of this section of the Eyal reference does not disclose the limitation of compiling a download schedule or the limitation of basing the downloading of the multimedia file on the download schedule. Because the Eyal reference is entirely deficient as to these limitations, Eyal does not anticipate the claimed invention. Accordingly, Claim 1 and all claims dependent thereon (including Claims 2-9) are patentable.

Independent Claim 10, as well as dependent Claims 8, 12, and 14-19 (and possibly Claim 11) have been rejected based on a combination of Eyal and Martino. Martino appears to disclose a data transaction processing system that includes a flash memory which stores data streams making up forms and menus and a small RAM which operates as an input/output transaction buffer for storing the data streams of a template and the user replies.

Most importantly, Claim 10 includes similar limitations discussed above in connection with Claim 1 that are not found in either Eyal or Martino. Specifically, neither Eyal nor Martino disclose or suggest the step of compiling a download schedule based on the received inputs, wherein the scheduling includes a description of the multimedia files selected, day and time of download, and downloaded information. According to the Office Action, this limitation is found in Eyal at column 12, lines 37-63 and column 30, lines 17-60. Further, the Office Action states that this limitation is found in Martino at column 9, lines 39-67. To the contrary, discussion of a download schedule cannot be found in either of these cited passages or anywhere else in the references. If rejection of these claims based on these same references is maintained, the Applicant requests a more specific discussion of how such a download schedule as claimed is taught or suggested by the cited passages of these references. Because both Eyal and Martino are completely deficient in this limitation, Claim 10 and all claims ultimately dependent thereon (Claims 11-19) are patentable.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

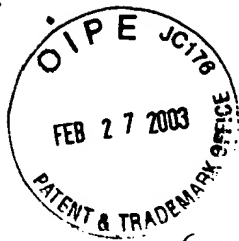
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6. (Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the selection interface includes at least one of:

a first selection for real time play of the multimedia [multimedia] files which are downloaded; and

a second selection [selction] for storing in a memory the multimedia files which are downloaded in memory.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein [further] only a predetermined number of multimedia files may be stored in memory.

15. (Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the multimedia files include at least one of:

a video file; and

an audio file. [;]

19. (Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the listing is created and transmitted automatically on a periodic basis.